

REMARKS

Claims 25, 27-33, 36 and 38-44 are pending. By the present Amendment, claim 36 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Further, the abstract has been amended as indicated on page 3 herein to overcome the objections set forth in the office action.

To comply with the requirement set forth in item 5, page 3 of the office action, marked up and clean versions of a substitute specification are attached as Appendices A and B, respectively, following the remarks section. The specification has been amended to correct the items discussed in item 4 on pages 4-5 of the office action.

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 25, 28-33, 36, 40 and 41. Applicants also note with appreciation the allowance of claims 39 and 42-44 if amended to correct informalities indicated in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claims 39 and 42-44 to overcome the objections.

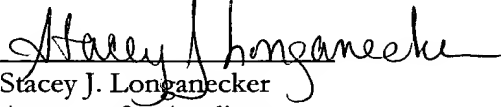
In the Office Action, claims 27 and 38 are rejected for failing to comply with the enablement requirement set forth in 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. The Office Action states that the detailed description does not describe a method or apparatus comprised of the limitations of claims 25 and 26 in combination with the limitation recited in claims 27 and 38, respectively. Claims 27 and 38 have been canceled herein.

It is to be understood that the claim amendments and cancellations herein are being made to expedite allowance of the subject application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue prosecution on the original claims in a continuing application and make no admission regarding the applicability of the Examiner's grounds for rejecting the claims.

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In view of the above, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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